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Application No. 10/776,072

Docket No.: 65858-0028

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 and 34 are pending. Claims 1, 22, and 34 are independent claims. In the Office Action, claims 22 and 34 were allowed. Claim 1 is amended herein to include recitations from canceled claim 5 that the Office Action also indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to pursue non-allowed subject matter in a continuation application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the brief telephone interview with Applicant's representative on December 15, 2006. In that interview, Applicant's representative noted that the Office Action stated that dependent claims 3, 4, 9, and 10 were withdrawn from consideration. Those claims depend from claim 1 and were previously the subject of a restriction requirement. Applicant's representative queried whether such claims would be allowed if they depended from a claim that included allowed subject matter. The Examiner responded in the affirmative. As noted above, claim 1 now recites allowed subject matter. Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 9, and 10 remain pending and are believed to be in condition for allowance along with the rest of the pending claims.

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CONCLUSION

All rejections have been addressed. In view of the above, the presently pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. It is believed that any fees associated with the filing of this paper are identified in an accompanying transmittal. However, if any additional fees are required, they may be charged to Deposit Account 18-0013, under order number 65858-0028. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is hereby made, the fee for which should be charged against the aforementioned account.

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